

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIM:

Please amend Claims 1-16 as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A printing blanket, comprising
a reinforcement layer formed of at least one sheet of fabric,
a compressive layer, and
a surface rubberlayer laid on said compressive layer through a supporting body,
~~characterized in that wherein~~
said compressive layer is separated by a separation layer so as to be divided into
two layers of a first compressive layer and second compressive layer,
so as to absorb normal printing pressure at the first compressive layer and to
absorb rapidly applied over-printing pressure at the second compressive layer,
volume of porosity of said first compressive layer is 0.10 – 0.20 mm while volume
of porosity of the entire first and second compressive layers is 0.25 mm or more, and
hardness thereof is 70JIS-A - 80JIS-D and the thickness thereof is 0.05 mm or
more.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The printing blanket according to Claim 1,
~~characterized in that wherein~~
said compressive layer divided into two layers is formed such that each has a
different amount of an air space.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The printing blanket according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~,
~~characterized in that wherein~~
said separation layer is formed by at least one layer of elastomer.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The printing blanket according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~,
~~characterized in that wherein~~
~~said first compressive layer has an air space amount of 0.10-0.20 mm, and~~
~~the entire part of said first compressive layer and said second compressive layer~~
~~has an air space amount of 0.25 mm or more~~
said separation layer is formed by at least one layer of elastomer.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The printing blanket according to Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~, characterized in that wherein
said compressive layer has a matrix hardness of 50-90 JIS-A.

Claims 6-7 (Canceled)

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The printing blanket according to Claim 4 ~~or 2~~, characterized in that
~~said separation layer is formed by one or more layers of elastomer, and~~ wherein
said compressive layer has a matrix hardness of 50-90 JIS-A.

Claims 9-16 (Canceled)